

1     **CLAIMS**

2     We claim:

3     1.     A method for storing and encrypting one or more sequences of characters within a  
4     geometric grid positioned on a device, comprising;

- 5           a) choosing a master code sequence of characters;
- 6           b) placing said master code sequence of characters within said geometric grid so  
7           that the correct order of said characters is not readily apparent;
- 8           c) selecting one sequence of characters representing information to be stored and  
9           encrypted; and
- 10          d) placing said sequence of characters within said geometric grid such that the  
11          correct order of said sequence is not readily apparent and such that the location of  
12          each character of said sequence in the geometric grid has a predetermined  
13          relationship to the location of at least one character of said master code sequence  
14          of characters.

15    2.     A device for storing, encrypting, and retrieving data comprising;

- 16          a) a card with a surface that is capable of being imprinted with characters by a  
17          user; and
- 18          b) at least one geometric grid containing a plurality of graphic boxes for accepting  
19          characters imprinted or otherwise affixed to the surface of said card.
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- 1 3. A device for storing, encrypting, and retrieving data comprising;
- 2 a) a card with a surface that is capable of being imprinted with characters by a
- 3 user; and
- 4 b) at least one geometric grid containing a plurality of graphic boxes for accepting
- 5 characters imprinted or otherwise affixed to the surface of said card; and
- 6 c) a sleeve that covers said card and allows said card to move within it.

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